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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby state that Applicants are a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this

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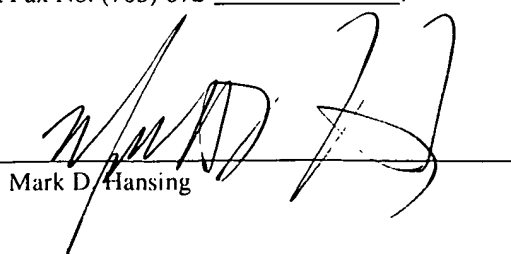
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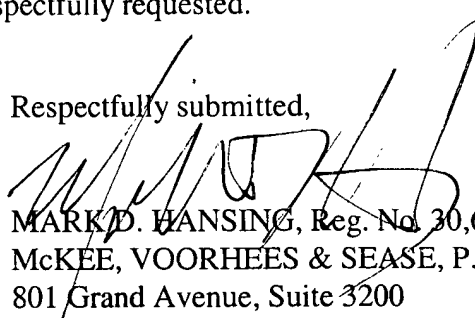
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Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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